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Escpforatians

In the middle of the century a field for adventurous spirits who found **too** or too

routinized. In 1858 a French scientist, Henri by the London Geographical the of the Valley. He had tried before to *get* a a Society, but their refusal the of it time to the Indo-Chinese peninsula. In **Mouhot** did not Ignore the beauties of the country. In hardships he endured. There were no roads, the

of himself and his equipment an ever-present He slept In a bed, Ms diet was of rice and dried the gerous to drink. Any Imprudence by aa of His spiritual obstacles were loneliness yet the exhilaration he experienced at being a pioneer In a that never before had he known so much happiness. It who had the joy of re-discovering Angkor:

At the sight of this temple, the spirit Is overwhelmed the stunned. One looks, one admires, and, overcome by one Where could words be found to praise adequately a of which perhaps has never been, or can never be... *^l

Mouhot was destined to die **in**, the cotmtiy lie to his ungrateful compatriots. Tea days tfter be **by** he made the final entry In Ms diary; <& 0 **J**Difeif/"-- eloquent of the loneliness of a man conscious he

to die In a distent land.

The systematic study of 'the by de was one of the major explorations of the , as its scientific, and **political** ImportMitt, **in €bchin~China** lay in Its to **China's** It was Imperative to Investigate **the** of **the** united them. The expedition was de

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